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SUBJ: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON SIGNIFICANT U.S. GOVERNMENT
CLAIMS AGAINST FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE A-2021, NEW DELHI 2739, NEW DELHI 3604

1. THE ONLY USG CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOI ON WHICH WE
HAVE INFORMATION WHICH MEETS THE CRITERIA OULINED IN
REFAIRGRAM ARE OUTSTANDING LEND LEASE CLAIMS OF
\$4,299,006. THE GOI DISPUTES THESE CLAIMS AND HAS A
COUNTERCLAIM FOR \$14 MILLION. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT
THE USG SETTLE THESE CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIM (ND3604)
BUT HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY.

2. THE REQUESTED DATA FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY: INDIA

EVENTS: CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF WORLD WAR II
LEND LEASE ARRANGEMENTS. (DETAILED INFORMATION
AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT.)

AMOUNTS OF CLAIM: \$500,000 TO \$5 MILLION.

BRIEF DESCEPTION: ALTHOUGH A LEND LEASE SETTLEMENT
WAS SIGNED IN 1946 AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM THIS
SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND PAID, THE USG HAD NOE
CATEGORY OF CLAIMS WHICH WAS OUTSIDE THE 1946
SETTLEMENT, CASES "WHERE THE LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT HAS
HERETOFORE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED." GOI HAS COUNTERCLAIM FOR
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\$14 MILLION.

STATUS: SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON
FROM 1956 TO 1968. NO PROGRESS WAS MADE.
DATE LAST CONTACT: BELIEVED TO BE FEBRUARY 1968.
AGENCY AND INDIVIDUAL: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

3. A JANUARY 26, 1976 PAPER PREPARED IN EB/IFD/OMA
ALSO LISTS A CLAIM OF \$3,652,406 IN RUPEES FOR
"CURRENCY LOANS TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISES. WE HAVE NO
INFORMATION ON THIS CLAIM AND WONDER WHETHER IT EXISTS,
AT LEAST AS DESCRIBED. THE SUBJECT OF LOANS TO
INDIAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISES HAS BEEN HANDLED BY THE AID
MISSION HERE AND THEY HAVE NO TRACE OF SUCH A CLAIM.
IT MIGHT ALSO BE NOTED THAT LOANS TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISES
(COOLEY LOANS) ARE NOT GUARANTEED BY THE GOI AND THUS
CANNOT CONSTITUTE A CLAIM AGAINST THE GOI. WE HAVE ASKED
FOR, BUT NOT RECEIVED, ANY WASHINGTON INFORMATION ON THIS
MATTER.

4. SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE, OTHER THAN REFERENCE TO
EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS, MAY BE TREATED
AS UNCLASSIFIED.
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